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Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on May 1, 2008 totaled 225,000 head, 4 percent below the May 1, 2007 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory was down 5,000 head from the number on feed April 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during April totaled 28,000 head, down 20 percent from April 2007 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during April totaled 32,000 head, down 8,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during April, down 4,000 head from April 2007.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on May 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2007 and 4 percent below May 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.54 million, 2 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000, 600-699 pounds were 278,000, 700-799 pounds were 428,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 2.01 million, 11 percent above 2007 and 13 percent above 2006. This is the highest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during April, 24 percent below 2007 and 14 percent below 2006.

